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2 December 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- November 1982

I. GENERAL

In two separate incidents in November, terrorist bombs went off in areas familiar to Bureau employees. On 8 November, a bomb exploded at a bus stop in Herzlia, injuring four people. Then on 21 November, a bomb exploded at the Central Tel Aviv bus terminal, injuring one person. No Bureau employees were involved.

At a Bureau ceremony on 15 November, the Bureau Chief presented a Meritorious Unit Citation from FBIS Director [redacted] to the Bureau for exceptional performance during the Lebanon Crisis-1982. Both the Citation and accompanying letter have been framed and prominently displayed on the wall.

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The Bureau Chief hosted a gala dinner for visiting Deputy Chief of Operations [redacted] on 7 November at one of Tel Aviv's smartest Chinese restaurants. Bureau staff and spouses were there. Adjourning to the Bureau Chief's house for coffee and dessert, the party was joined by Ambassador Lewis and his wife Sally. A good time was had by all.

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New individual lockers for Bureau employees were installed on the landing just one flight of steps down from the Bureau entrance. All who wanted them were assigned personal lockers with padlocks.

The Israeli national airline El Al was still closed throughout the month of November. Despite worker protests, the El Al stockholders voted to disband the airline on 24 Nov. However, a temporary court injunction against disbanding El Al was still in effect at the end of the month.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/EditorialHEBREW SECTION

The Commission of Inquiry into the Sabra and Shatila camp massacre continued to hear testimony from major political figures in November; IDF Northern Commander Drori on 1 November, Prime Minister Begin on the 8th, and Foreign Minister Shamir on the 24th. This was followed on 24 November by a letter of warning from the Commission to nine officials, including Begin, Shamir, Sharon, Drori and Chief of Staff Eytan. stating that the Commission's conclusions might "harm" these officials, and detailing the faults uncovered. Those warned were given specific documents to study, and were offered an opportunity to reply or retestify. Reaction to the warning and the political implications of it kept our monitoring staff busy. Other major stories in Israel this month included the collapse of the IDF's military command Headquarters building in Tyre on 11 November, killing or injuring over a hundred occupants, and the death of Prime Minister Begin's wife on 13 November. The prime minister quickly ended a visit in Los Angeles and flew back to Jerusalem, also postponing a meeting with President Reagan in Washington.

TURKISH SECTION

The new Turkish Constitution was approved by a referendum on 7 November, with over 90 percent of the voters in favor. General Evren automatically becomes the president of Turkey for the next 7 years. Protests against the regime in Turkey included a takeover of the Turkish Consulate in Cologne on 3 November, and a short-lived takeover of the Turkish Airline Office in Paris on 9 November. The only other major story for our Turkish section in November was the visit of Foreign Minister Turkmen to the Soviet Union beginning on 28 November.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Turkish Monitor gave birth to a baby girl, on 3 November.

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IV. VISITS

A member of the Foreign Service Inspection team, []
[] visited the Bureau on 3 Nov. No difficulties were found.

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Deputy Chief of Operations [] visited the Bureau
7 - 11 November on TDY.

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FBIS Administration Officer [] visited the Bureau 10 - 14
November on TDY.

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A security officer made a routine check of the Bureau on
23 November. No major deficiencies were found.

Senior Inspector [] visited the Bureau
on 24 November and was briefed on operations by the Bureau Chief.

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Vienna Bureau Associate Editor [] stopped by
and had a quick tour of the Bureau. She was on Annual Leave in
Israel.

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A/Chief, Tel Aviv Bureau

Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report
c. Engineering Report

TEL AVIV BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR November, 1982ATTACHMENT AI. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 392,100

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 97,900

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 1,077

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE</u> (minutes or issues per week)	min. 7,233	min. 10,590	issues 51

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES
(publishable words per month)

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran	12,000
(Clandestine) Voice of Iranian Kordestan in Persian to Iran	0
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in English to Cyprus	4,200
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in Turkish to Cyprus	2,900
(Clandestine) Our Radio in Turkish to Turkey	500
(Clandestine) Voice of Turkish Communist Party in Turkish to Europe and Turkey	9,000

ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	11,200
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	84,800
Jerusalem Domestic Television Service in Hebrew	12,600
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	20,500
Tel Aviv ITIM in Hebrew	10,500
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English	36,400

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
ISRAEL (cont'd)			
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			26,700
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			7,100
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			8,500
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			33,100
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			200
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			1,400
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			36,500
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			11,600
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			200
Tel Aviv YOMAN HASHAVU'A in Hebrew			1,500
LEBANON			
Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in English	0		
Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in Arabic	2,400		
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	46,500		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		800	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		8,200	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		600	
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UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	0		
USSR			
Moscow in Dari to Afghanistan	500		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew to Israel	1,700		

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TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR November, 1982 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 392,100 (451,200)
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 97,900 (88,400)
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 16,333 (17,406)
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 26,720 ON 4 November
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 6,430 ON 6 November
2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 0.75 HOURS, 0.15 PERCENT.
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 0.75 HOURS, 0.15 PERCENT.
EXTENDED OUTAGES: (none)
3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: none (1,570)

NB. Figures from preceding month in parentheses.

ATTACHMENT C

ENGINEERING REPORT -- TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1982

EQUIPMENT RECEIVED : NONE

EQUIPMENT TRANSFERRED : NONE

PROJECTS : NONE - General maintenance and
repairs.